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Title: Need to appoint a nodal agency for monitoring the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan in States - laid.

DR. BABU RAO MEDIYAM (BHADRACHALAM): Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) is a constitutional obligation under article 275(1). Planning Commission issues guidelines for its implementation. Government of India allocate budget to states and ask them to implement through a nodal agency. Out of 22 states only 2 states had nodal agencies.

TSP has been implemented in AP without nodal agency till now. After a prolonged agitation, the Government formed a symbolic nodal agency last month. If we see the allotments to our state, the amount released during 10^{th} plan is not as per the guidelines. Only 1.2% is allotted as against 6.6% of Tribal population. The schemes taken up under TSP are neither area specific nor pro-tribal. For example, minor irrigation projects taken up are mostly beneficial to non-tribal population because tribals are landless. Often the funds are diverted to other schemes. Hence I urge upon the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to monitor the TSP funds through a proper nodal agency and allot the funds to states as per the proportion of the ST population.